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Elementary school students learn about the continents and the oceans by completing a variety of activities, games, and puzzles. Students learn to spell the names of the oceans and continents; recognize the locations, sizes, and shapes of the continents; and use directions on maps by completing a pretest, word searches, mazes, crossword puzzles, coloring puzzles, cut-and-paste activities, a secret code, and a dot game. The unit includes a pretest, posttest and teacher answer keys. This document is one of a collection of materials from the Iowa Area Education Agency 7 Teacher Center project. (LH)

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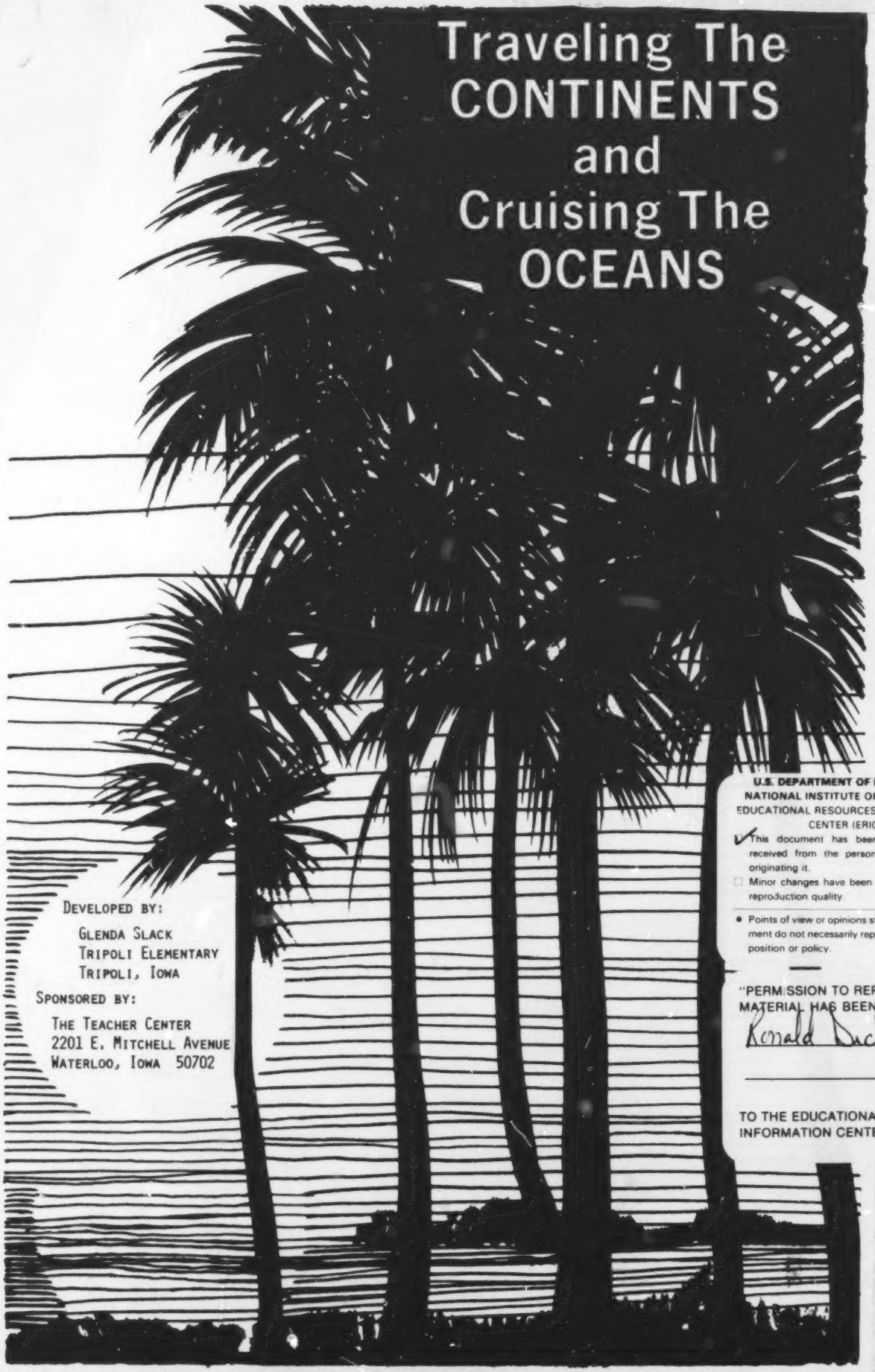

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INTRODUCTION

Traveling the Continents and Cruising the Oceans is a booklet for any teacher whose students do not know the seven continents and the four oceans.

The skills that are included in this booklet are spelling the oceans and continents; recognizing the locations, sizes, and shapes of the continents and oceans; and using the directions north, south, east, and west on maps.

The following pages contain a pre-test, activities, games, puzzles, and a post-test. You may want to use some or all of the pages, depending on your students' needs.

Read and think about the following definitions and discussion questions. Be ready to talk about them.

CONTINENTS

1. Africa (ăf′ rĭ kə) A continent south of Europe and between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

2. Antarctica (ănt ärk′ tĭ kə) A continent at the southern most part of the earth. It is almost entirely covered by a sheet of ice.

3. Asia (ā′ shə) The largest continent on the earth. Asia is east of Europe.

4. Australia (ô strāl′ yə) A continent that is an island. It lies southeast of Asia.

5. Europe (yoor′ əp) The continent that connects to Asia. These two continents are divided by the Ural Mountains.

6. North America (north ə mer′ ə kə) The northern continent of the Western Hemisphere. The United States is located on this continent.

7. South America (south ə mer′ ə kə) The southern continent in the Western Hemisphere.

OCEANS

1. Arctic Ocean (ark′ tĭk) The most northern ocean. It is located at the North Pole.

2. Atlantic Ocean (ăt lăn′ tĭc) The second largest ocean. It connects the Americas to Europe and Africa.

3. Indian Ocean (in′ dē ən) The ocean between Africa and Australia..

4. Pacific Ocean (pa sĭf′ ĭk) The earth's largest body of water. It is between Asia and the Americas.

Peninsula--A long projection of land into water.

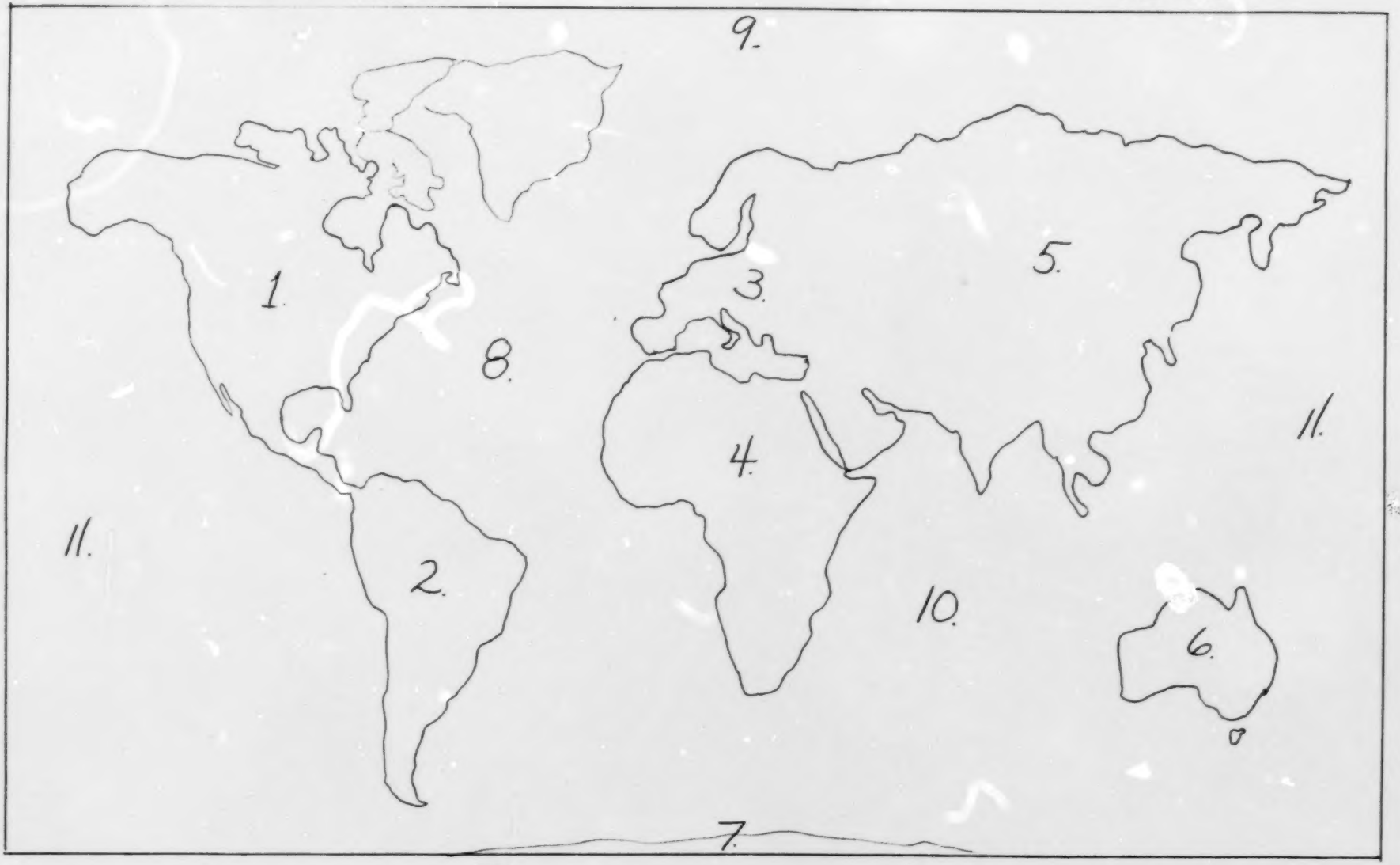
Directions--indicated on most maps as West ↔ East, North ↕ South

Discuss: Why is the climate cold at the North and South Poles?

Discuss: What are some differences between a map and a globe? Are all maps from the same view?

Name each continent and ocean.

PRE-TEST



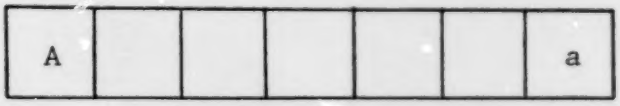
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

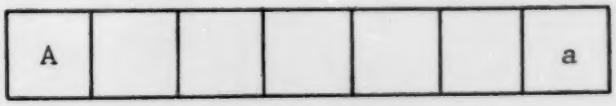
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

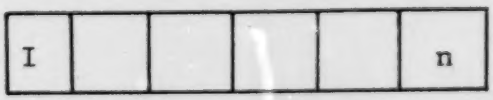
FINISH THE WORDS

Fill in the blanks with the correct letters to spell the seven continents and four oceans.

North 

South 

Study these words. (Note how many continents begin and end with <u>a</u>.) Think the patterns over. It will help you to remember names.



WORD HUNT

HELP THE PIRATE!

N S W A Q T K N X U I P O D C M H J X

C O Q U F A B A R C T I C W K I E V M

I S R S Y J E I G Z L F E J V N R E P

T D A T M H U D I L P D A B W O L F T

N S G R H C O N T I N E N T E W E C W

A Z B A I A C I R E M A H T U O S G J

L C U L W E M P A C I F I C R D O R S

T J Y I G B M E G I J R H K O F A R A

A S I A N R I K R I W I R S P T B Y I

A N X A Q C M I L I R C U K E Y L D K

I N A N T A R C T I C A D C U E R V T

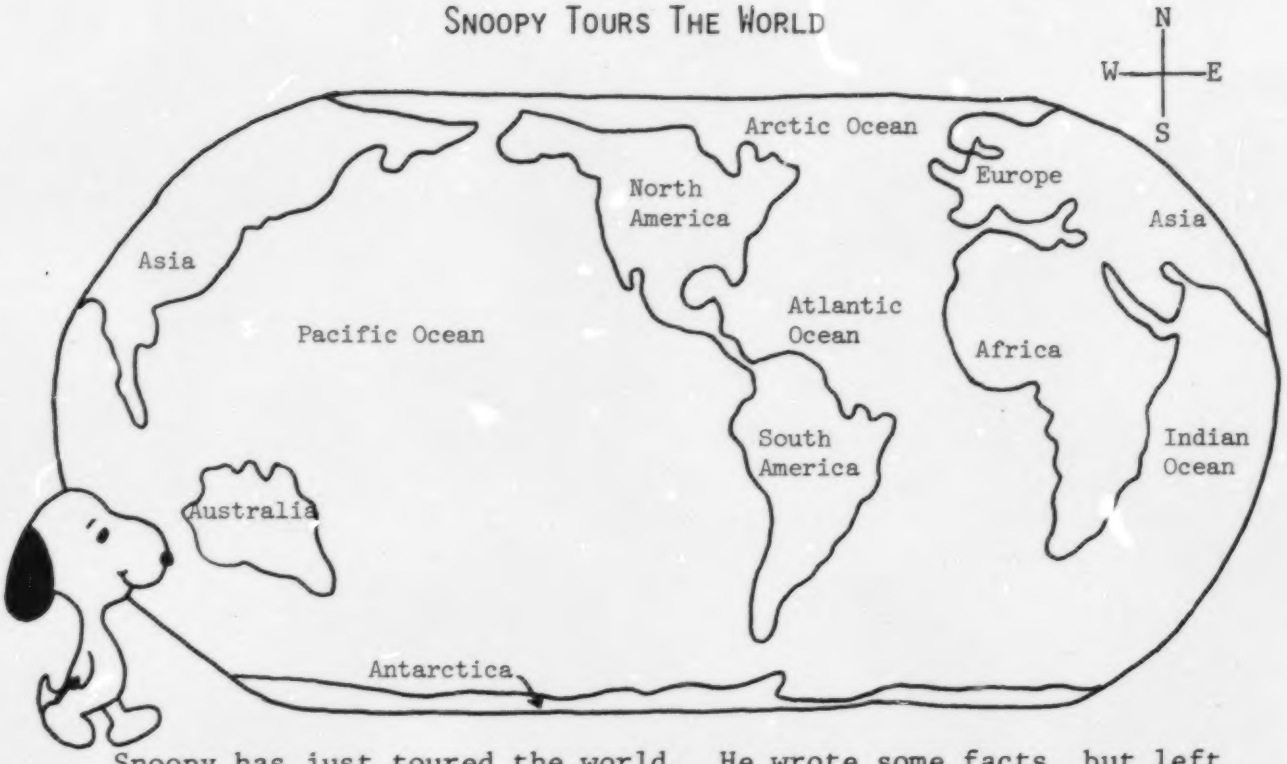
S F E Q Y K M I L O N A S W H G T Y U

Can you find thirteen words? Circle each. Remember--the words can go across, backwards, diagonally, down or up. The words to find are: Atlantic, Australia, Pacific, Asia, Antarctica, Indian, North America, Arctic, South America, Europe, Africa, ocean, and continent.

Color the ocean words blue.

Color the continent words yellow.

Snoopy Tours The World



Snoopy has just toured the world. He wrote some facts, but left out some important words. Can you fill in the blanks?

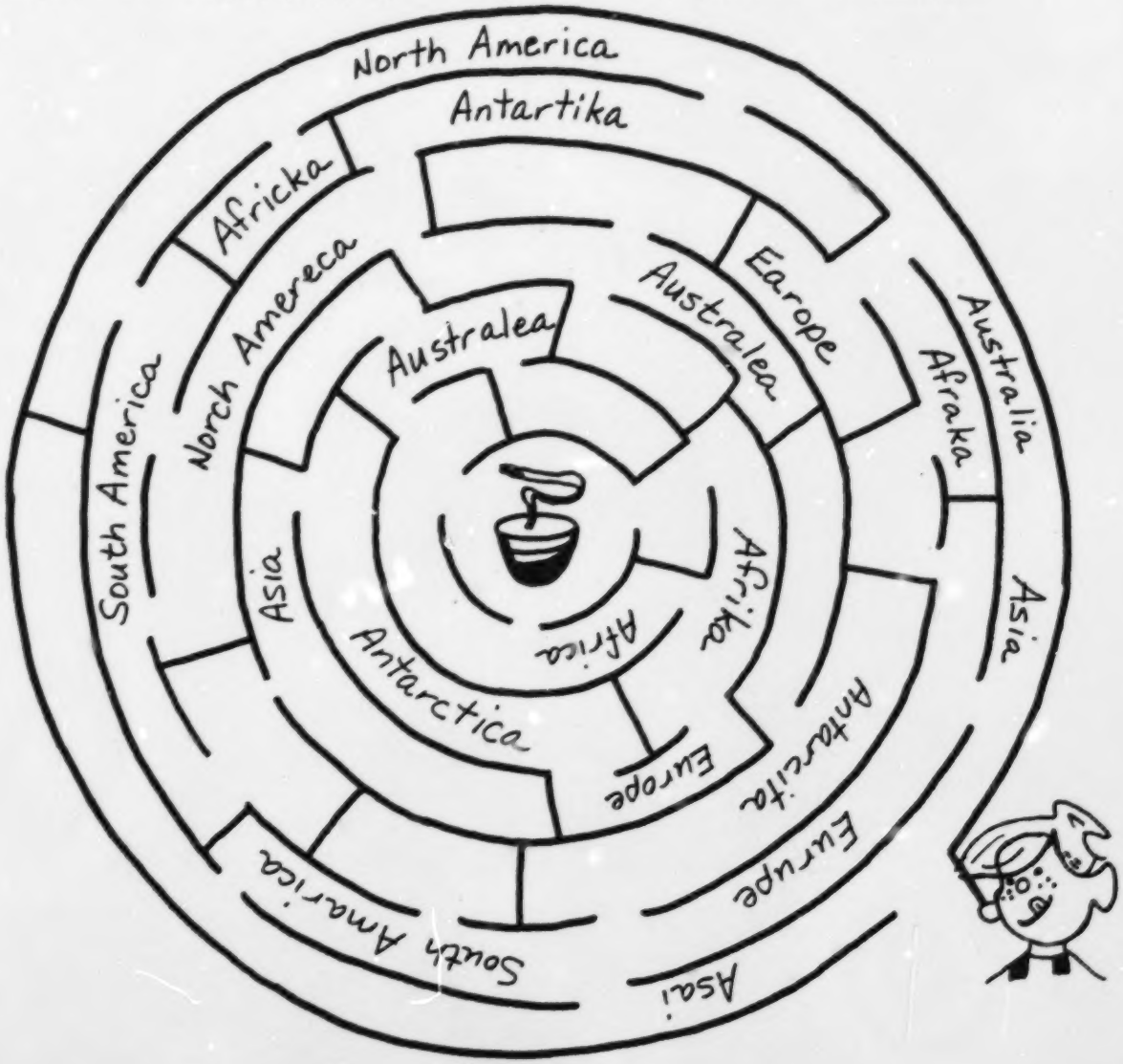
1. The continent farthest south is _____.
2. The continent that is an island is _____.
3. _____ is north of Africa.
4. Europe joins with _____ to the right.
5. The continent south of North America is _____.
6. Why is Asia shown in two places on this map? _____
   _____
7. The ocean east of Africa is _____.
8. The largest ocean is _____.
9. If Snoopy traveled from North America to Africa, he would cruise the _____ Ocean.
10. The _____ Ocean is north of all the other oceans and the continents.

Write the seven continents three times each below.

1. _____ _____ _____
2. _____ _____ _____
3. _____ _____ _____
4. _____ _____ _____
5. _____ _____ _____
6. _____ _____ _____
7. _____ _____ _____

DENNIS NEEDS HELP!

Clue: The right path has the continents spelled correctly.



Write the four oceans three times below. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. _____ _____ _____

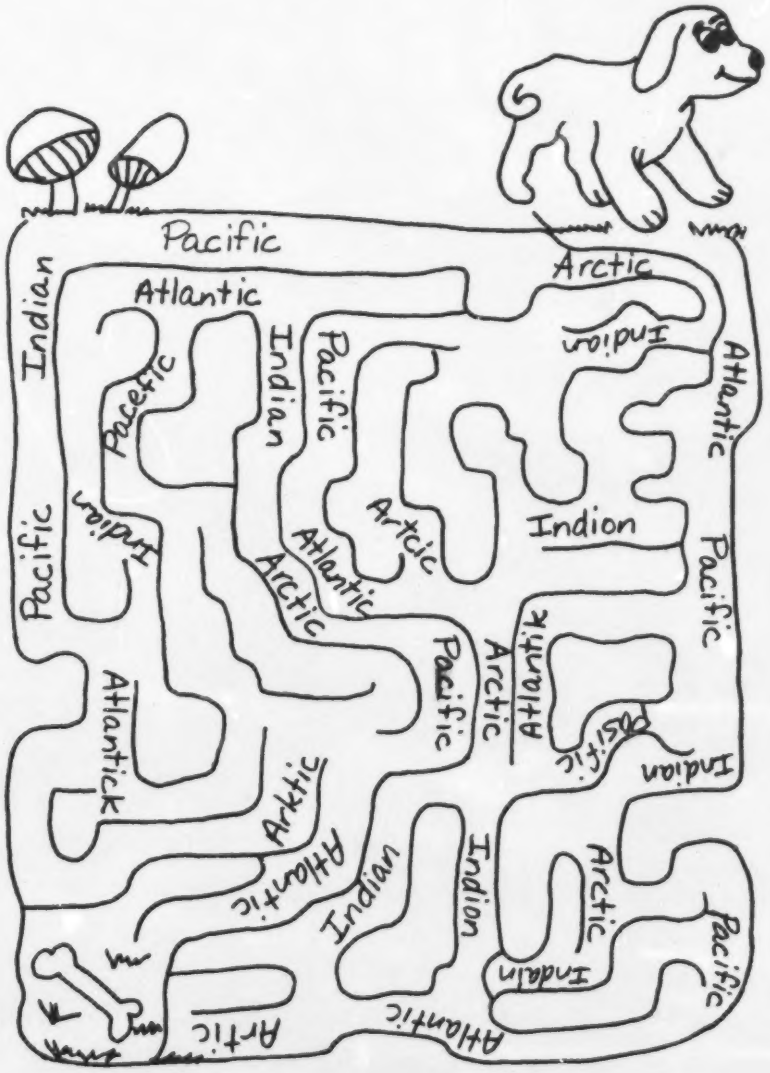
2. _____ _____ _____

3. _____ _____ _____

4. _____ _____ _____

HELP THE PUP FIND HIS BONE

Clue: The correct path has all the words spelled right.



"Paint" A Crossword Puzzle

(The clues are on the next sheet.)

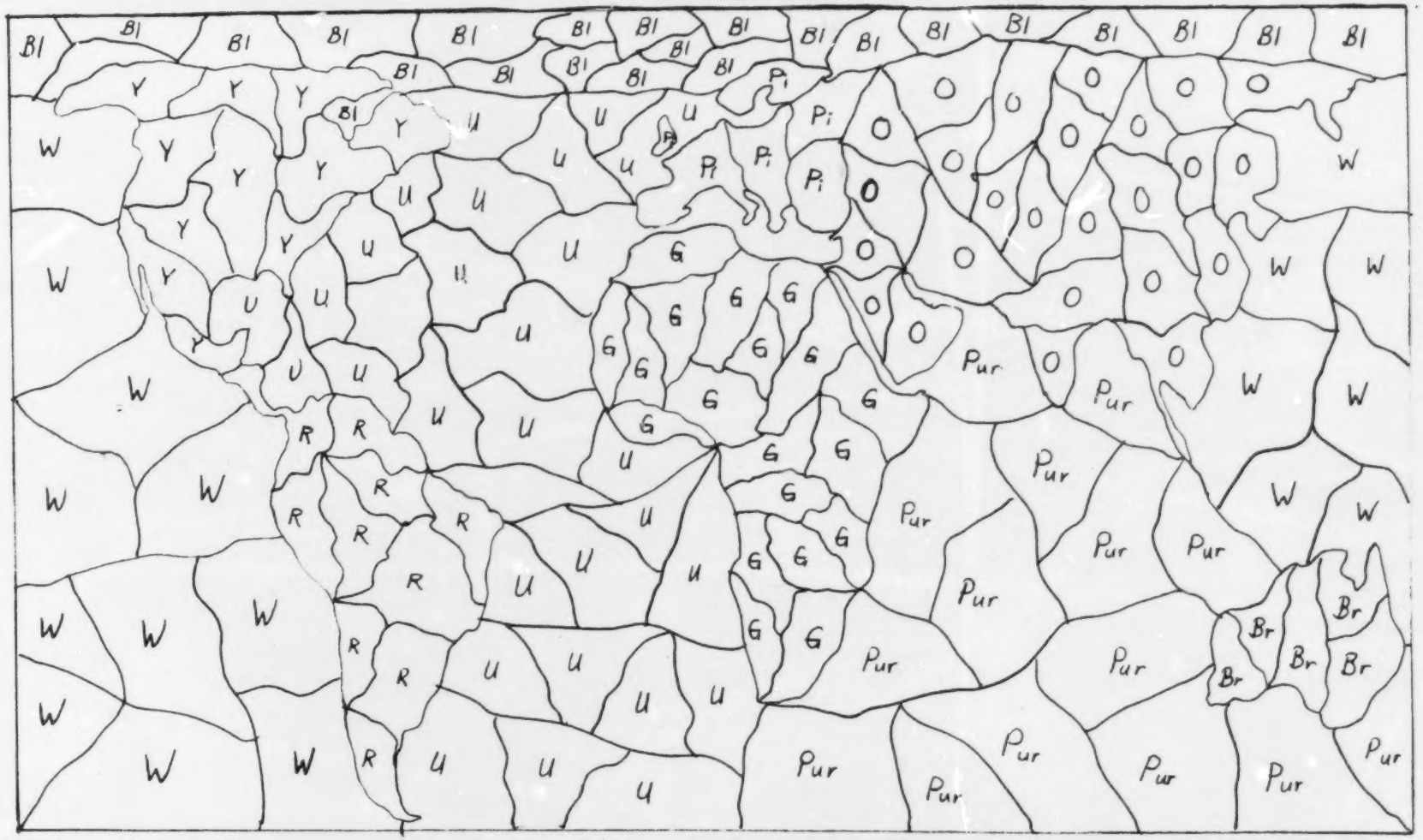
ACROSS

2. The continent Iowa is on
5. The continent to the south of us
8. The ocean to the west of the United States
10. The most southern continent
11. The ocean that is in the middle of Australia, Africa, and Asia

DOWN

1. The continent north of Africa
3. The continent south of Europe
4. The most northern ocean
6. The continent east of Europe
7. The island continent
9. An ocean between North America and Europe

A Coloring Puzzle



COLOR:

Y - yellow _____

R - red _____

G - green _____

Pi- pink _____

O - orange _____

Br- brown _____

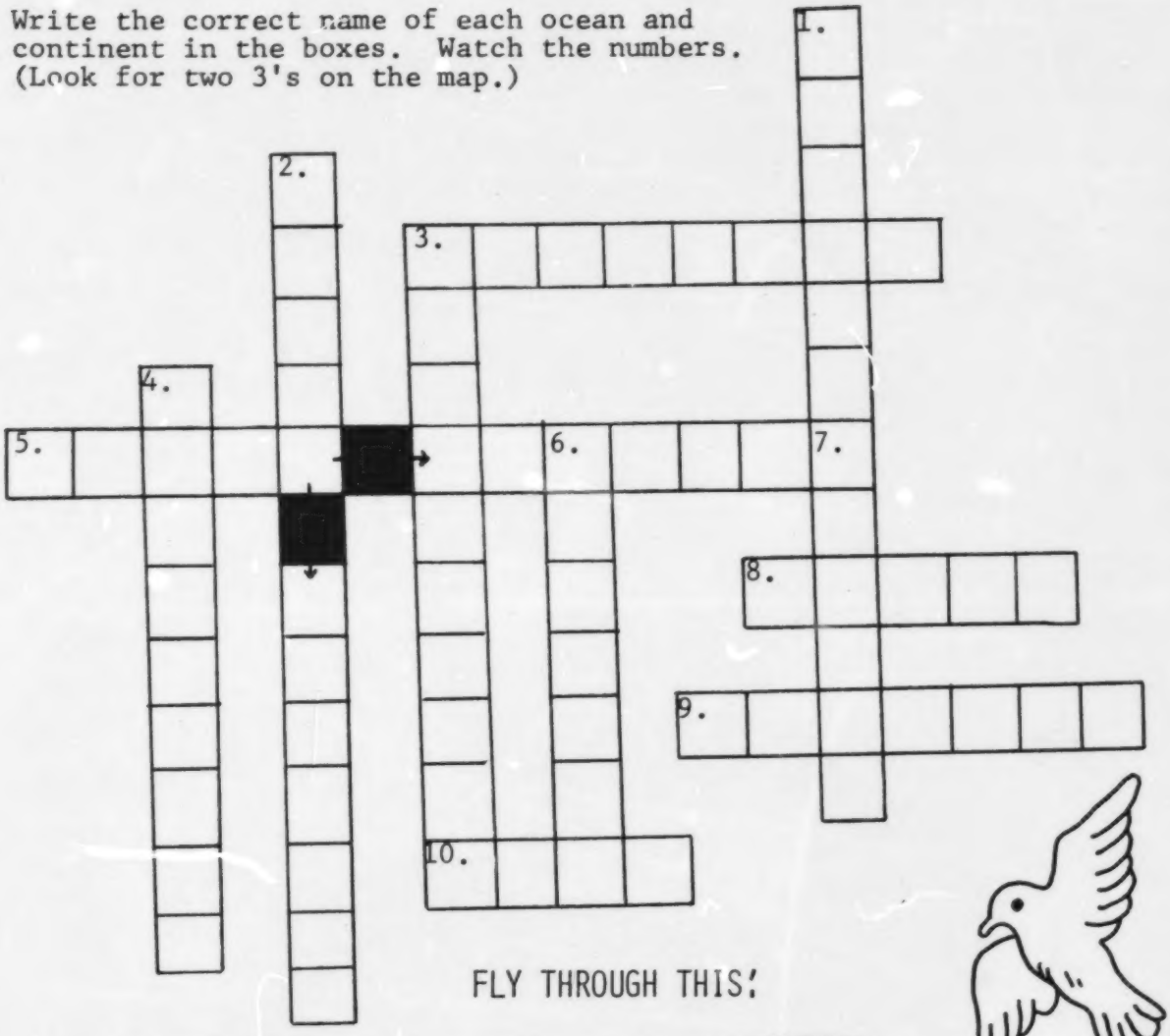
Bl- black _____

U - blue _____

W - white _____

Write the correct name of each continent or ocean on the color lines.

Write the correct name of each ocean and continent in the boxes. Watch the numbers. (Look for two 3's on the map.)



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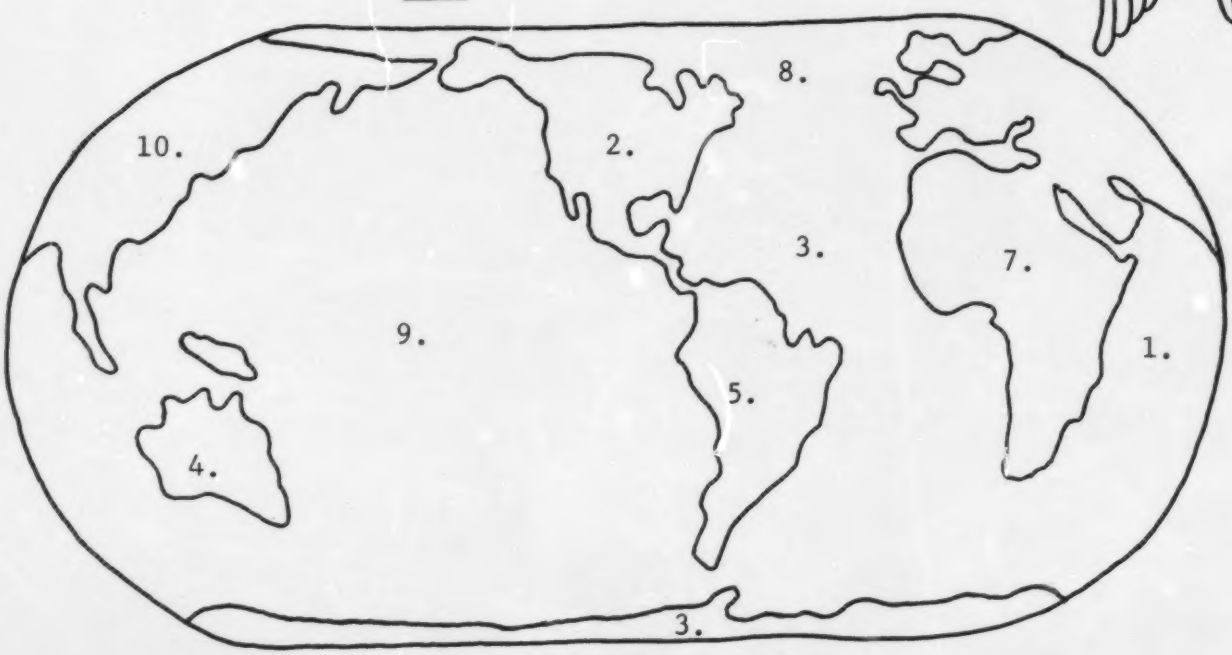
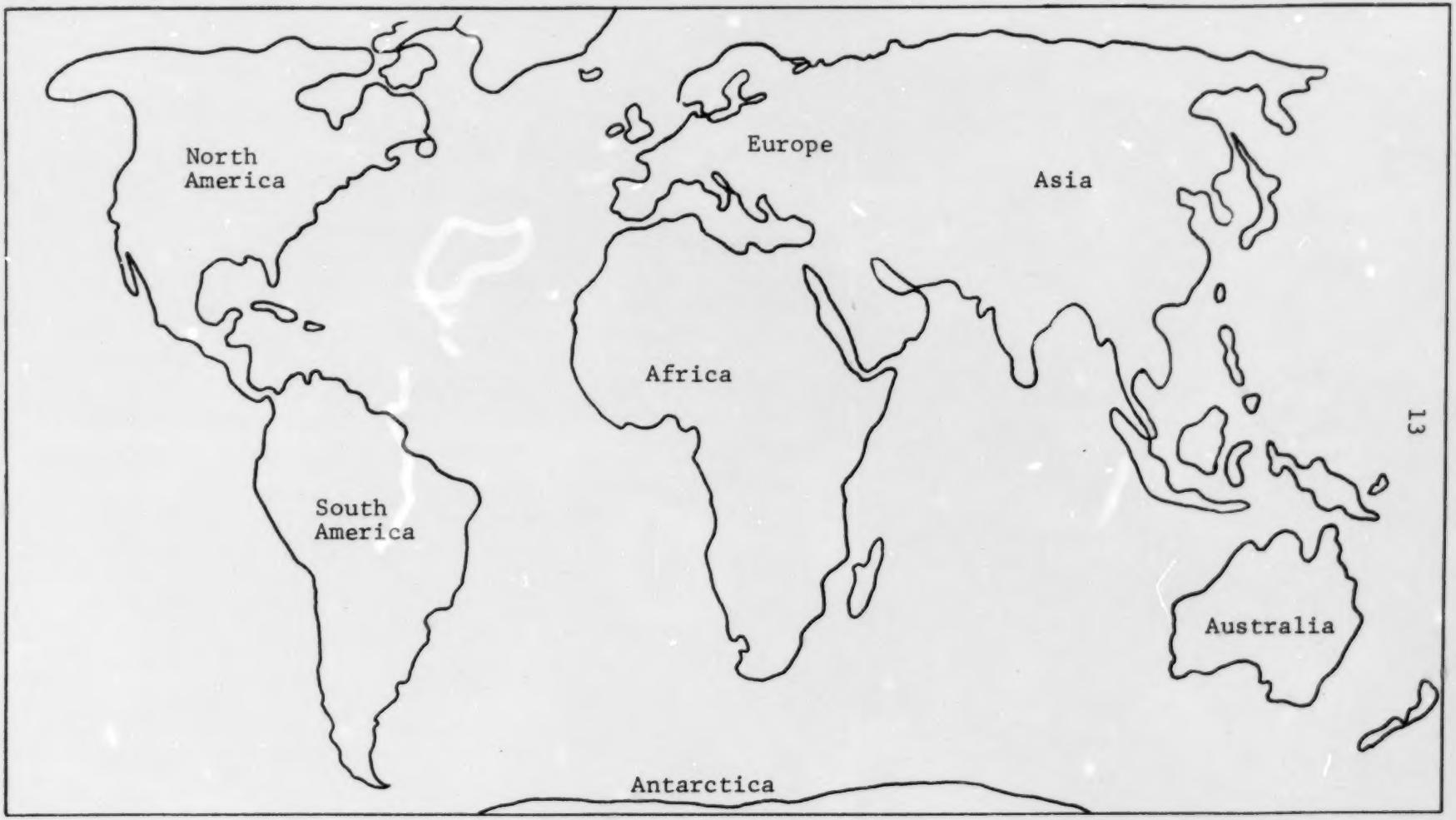


Cut out each ocean name at the bottom of the page. Then glue each in the correct space on the map.



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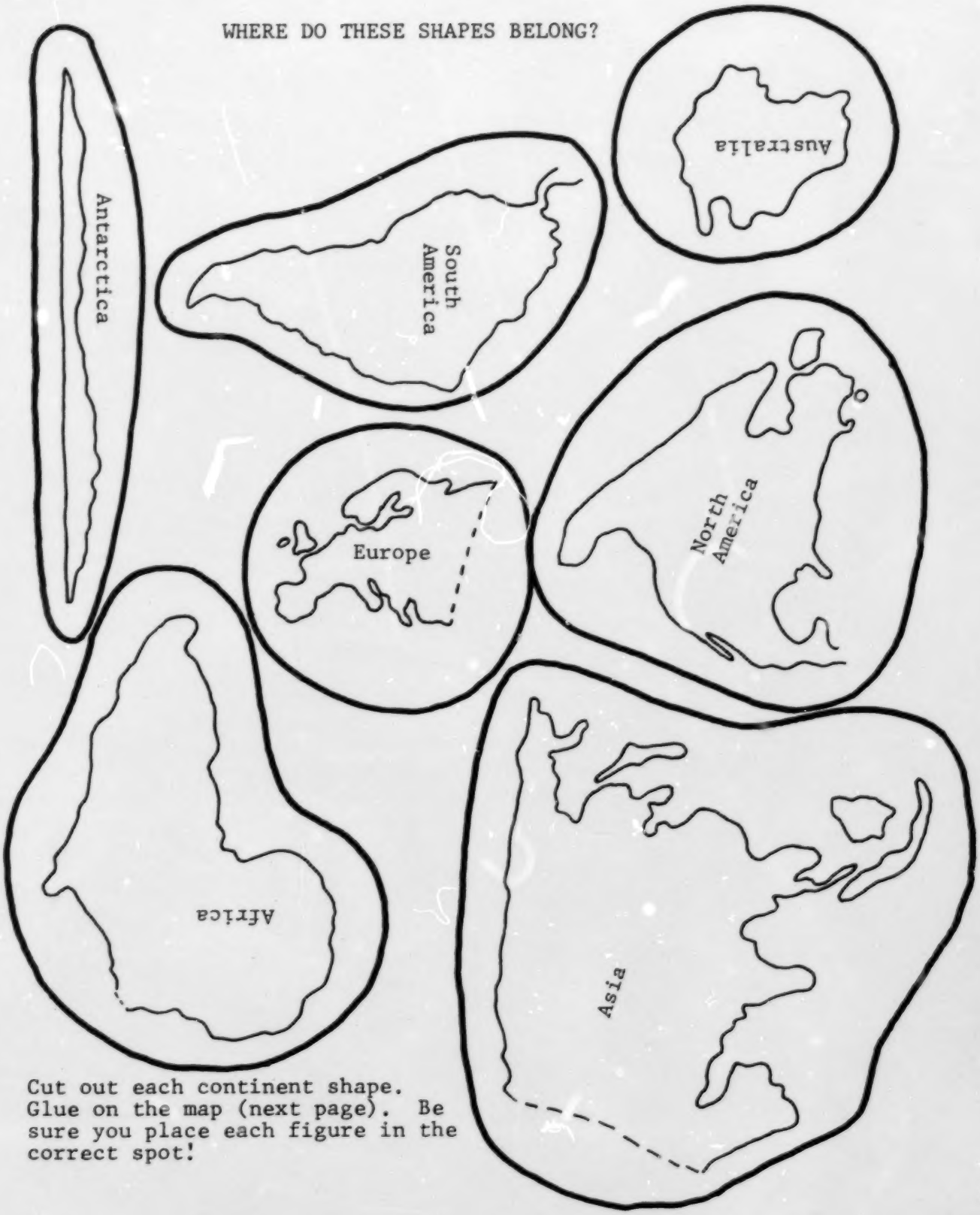
ARCTIC	PACIFIC	ATLANTIC	INDIAN

20

WHERE DO THESE SHAPES BELONG?



Cut out each continent shape. Glue on the map (next page). Be sure you place each figure in the correct spot!

Arctic
Ocean
Atlantic
Ocean
Pacific
Ocean
Pacific
Ocean
Indian
Ocean

22

23

WHICH OF THESE WORDS ARE CONTINENTS?

WHICH OF THESE WORDS ARE OCEANS?

WHICH OF THESE WORDS ARE NEITHER?

Circle the names of continents.

Put a box around the oceans.

Put an X on all the other words.

France	South America	Italy
North America	Arctic	Asia
Iowa	New York	Europe
Pacific	Antarctica	Tripoli
Australia	Africa	California
Waterloo	Iran	Canada
Russia	Indian	Atlantic

Rewrite the seven continents below.

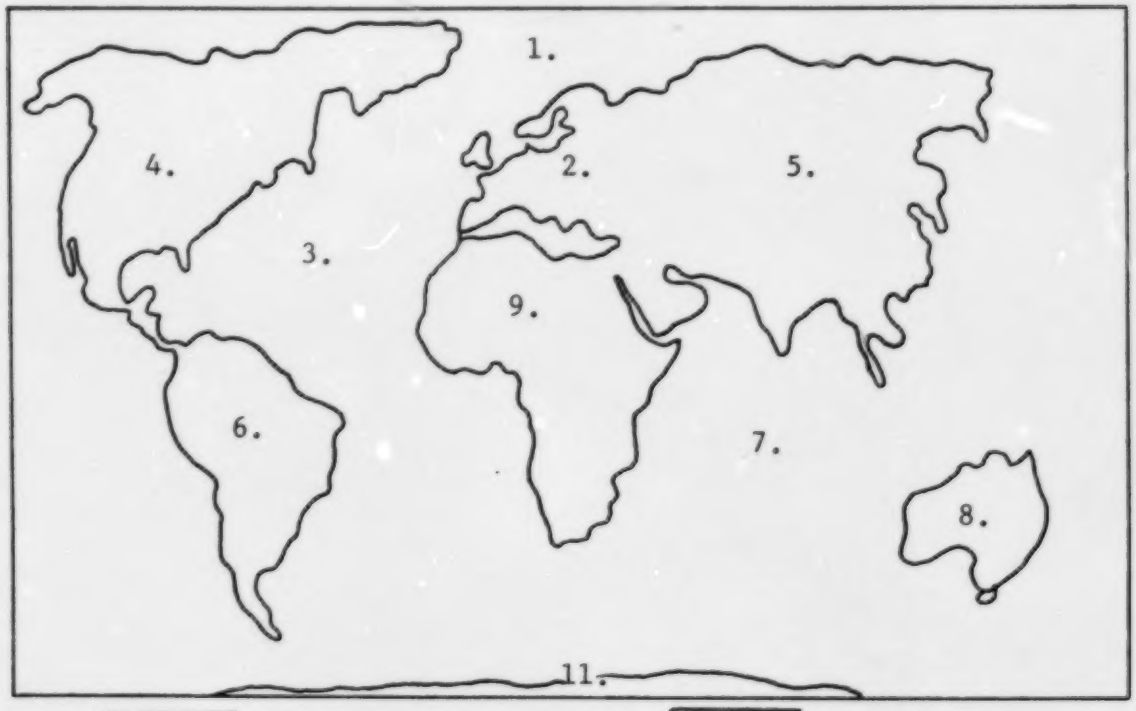
1. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 6. _____
3. _____ 7. _____
4. _____

Rewrite the four oceans below.

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

A SECRET CODE

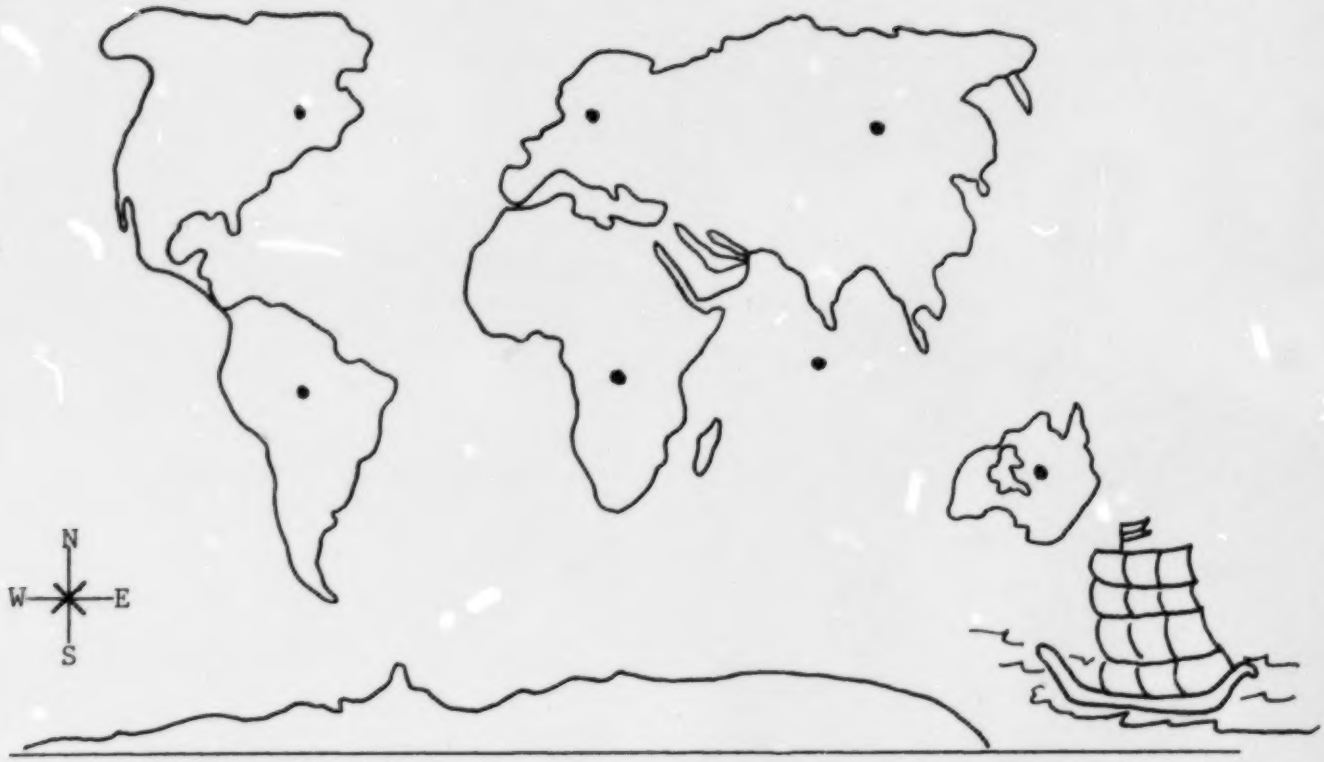
What is the name for each place with a number? Match the numbers. Write the letter that is needed below.



1.		The second letter	7.		The first letter
2.		The first letter	8.		The third letter
3.		The eighth letter			
4.		The eighth letter	9.		The second letter
5.		The second letter	10.	U	
6.		The first letter	11.		The second letter

The message says, "_____!"

A DOT GAME!



Fill in the blanks with a name of a continent or ocean. Then answer #6.

1. Begin on the continent that has a big southern peninsula. Do not start on Africa. Where will you start? _____

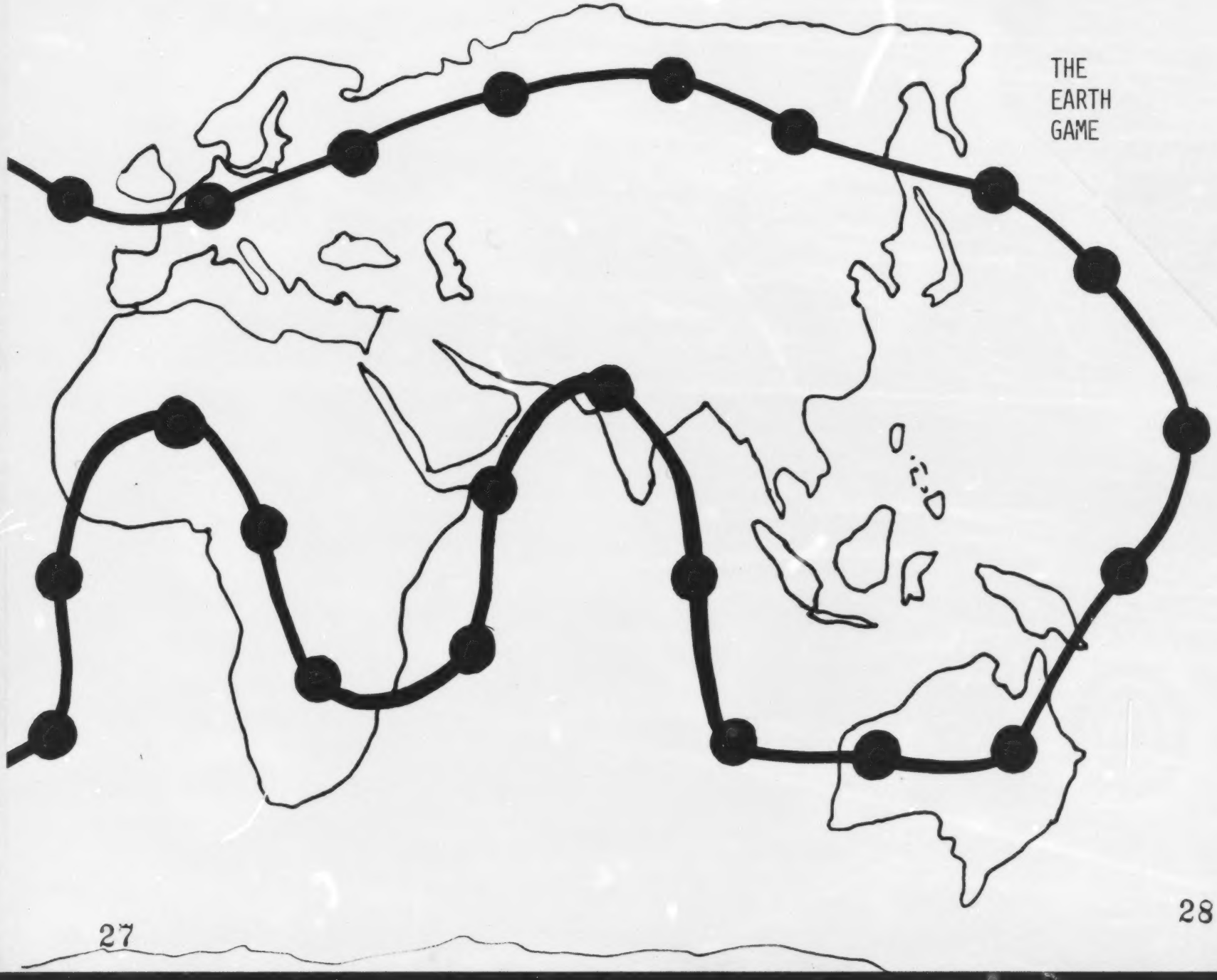
2. Draw a line to the COLDEST ocean. It is _____.

3. Now continue your trip to the continent that is straight west of the Indian Ocean. Where are you? _____

4. Go northwest through the Atlantic Ocean to get to the next stop. Now where are you? _____

5. Head directly east and you land on _____.

6. Your last journey is southwest back to where you started. What have you drawn? _____


THE
EARTH
GAME

Go 3 spaces forward. You are in _____.	Make repairs! Move back 1 space.
Continue ahead 2 spaces. Where are you now?	Go ahead 1 space. Now where are you in our world?
Forward 2 dots. Tell where you are.	You forgot your map! Back 2 spaces.
Continue forward 3 spaces. Do you know where you are?	Skip 1 turn.

Cut

PLAYER A

PLAYER 1

Cut

THE EARTH GAME
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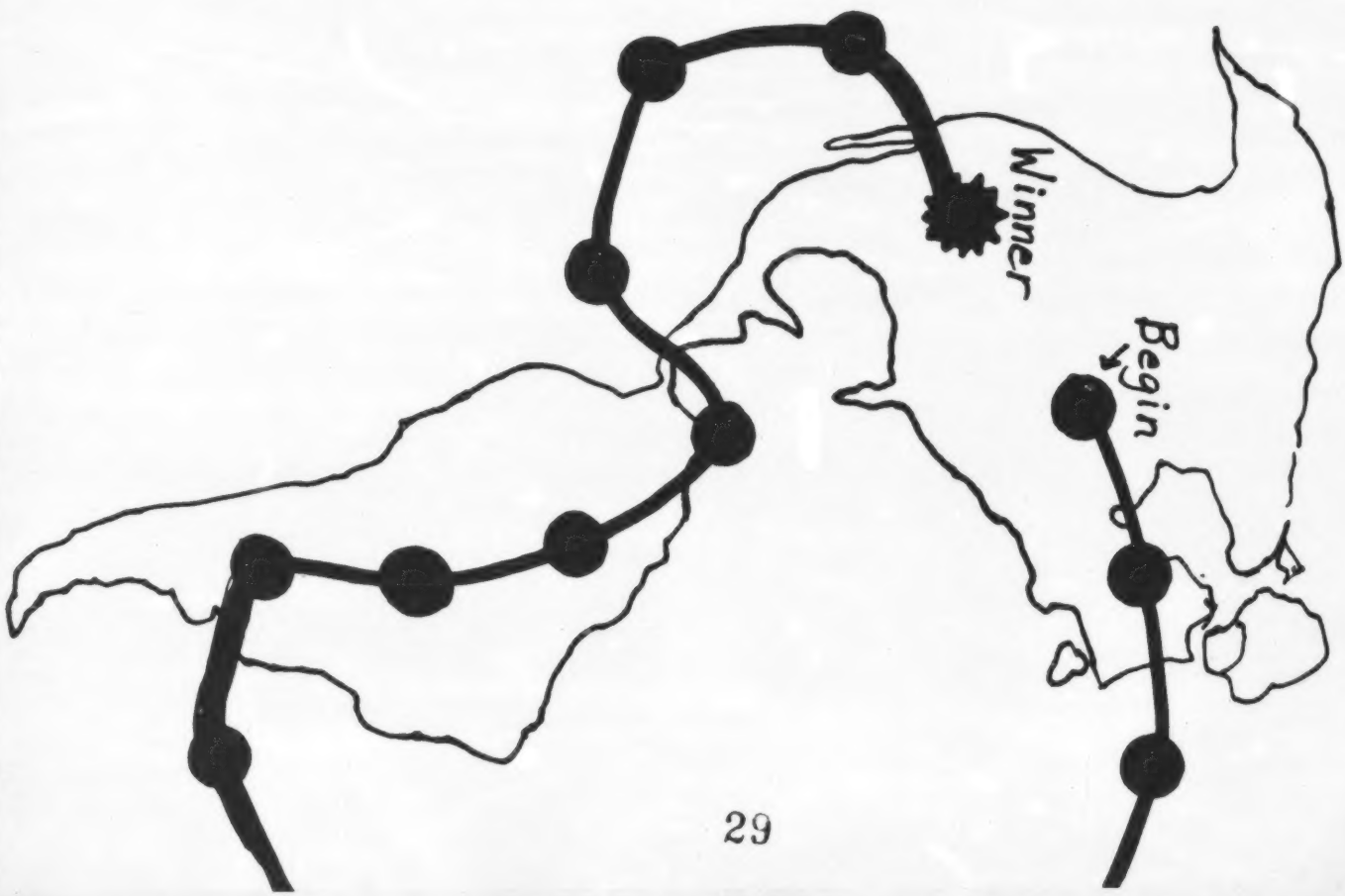


Move 1 dot. Where are you?	Move 3 forward. Tell where you're at.
Go ahead 2 spaces. Name the place.	Go forward 1 dot. Name it.
Move back 1 dot.	Stay right there. No move this time. You need to refuel.
Ahead 3 spaces. You are on _____.	Forward 2 dots. You're now on _____.
Go ahead 1 space. You are at _____.	Onward 2 dots. Where are you?
Name the four oceans. If you can, move ahead 4 spaces.	Go back 2 spaces.
Name the continent at the South Pole. Move ahead 2 spaces, if you did.	Name the 7 continents. If you can, move ahead 5 spaces!
Advance ahead 1 space. You are now on _____.	Move up 2 spaces. Draw another card.
You are stuck! No move this time.	Go ahead 3 spaces. FREE MOVE! (You don't have to tell where you are.)
Forward 1 space. Now you are in _____.	Lose 1 turn. (Do not move this time.)
Ahead 2 spaces. FREE MOVE!	Advance 1 space. Where in the world are you?

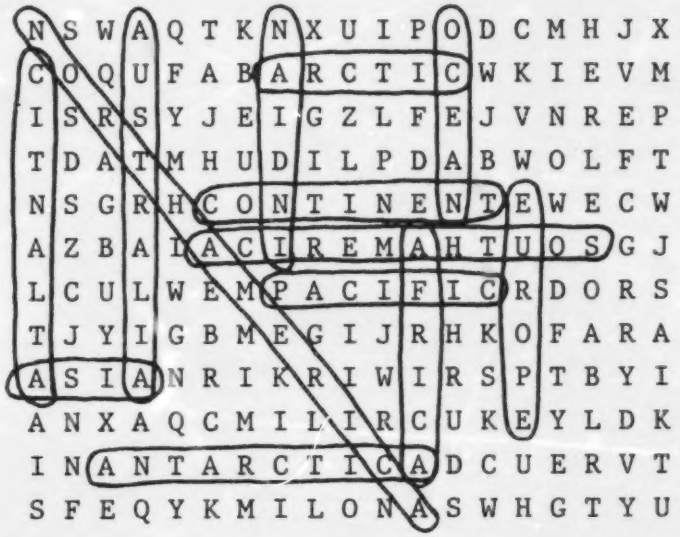
ANSWER KEY

FINISH THE WORDS

Antarctica
Australia
North America
South America
Africa
Asia
Europe

Arctic
Atlantic
Indian
Pacific

WORD HUNT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N S G R H C O N T I N E N T E W E C W
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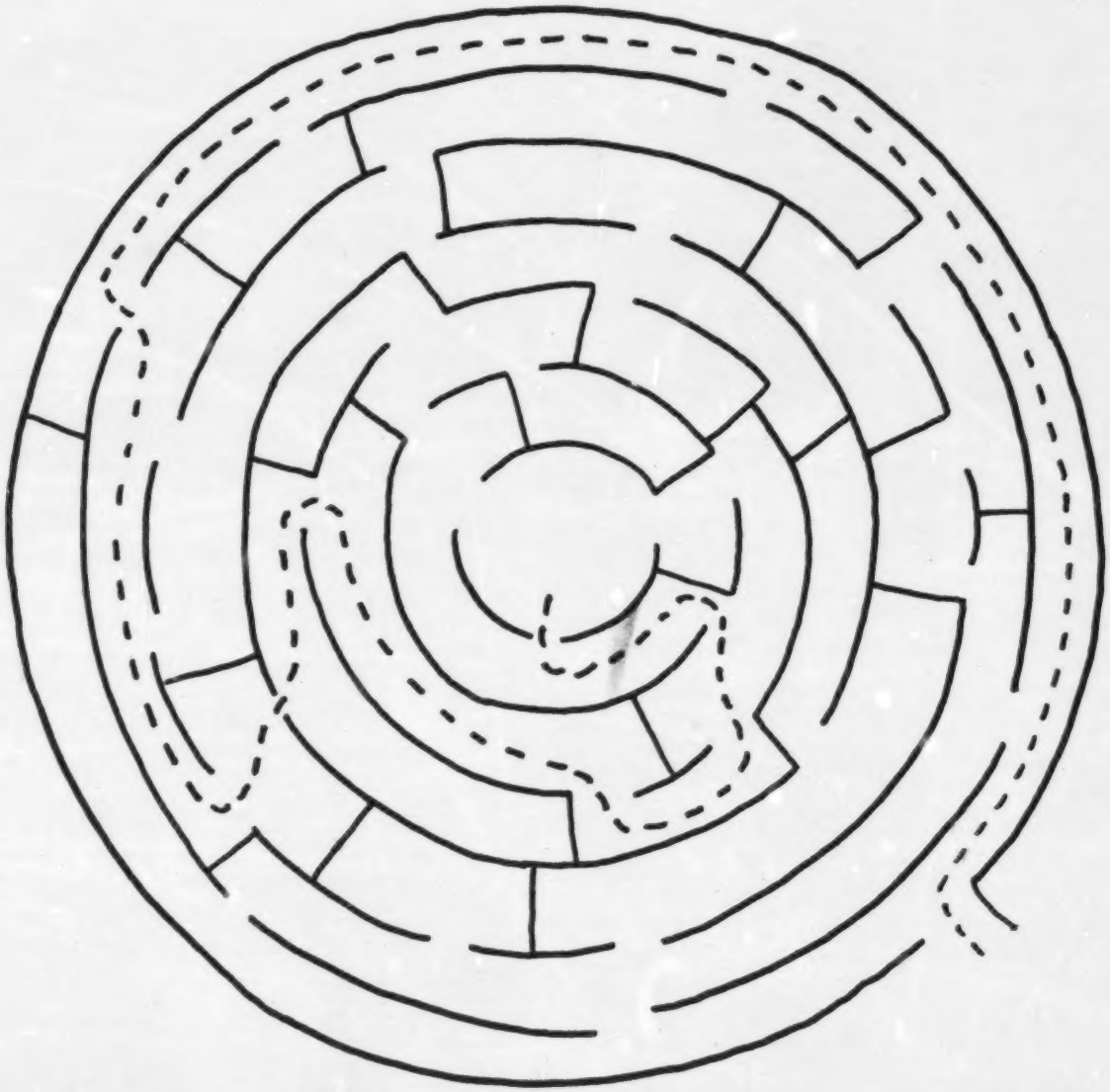
L C U L W E M P A C I F I C R D O R S
T J Y I G B M E G I J R H K O F A R A
A S I A N R I K R I W I R S P T B Y I
A N X A Q C M I L I R C U K E Y L D K
I N A N T A R C T I C A D C U E R V T
S F E Q Y K M I L O N A S W H G T Y U

ANSWER KEY

SNOOPY TOURS THE WORLD

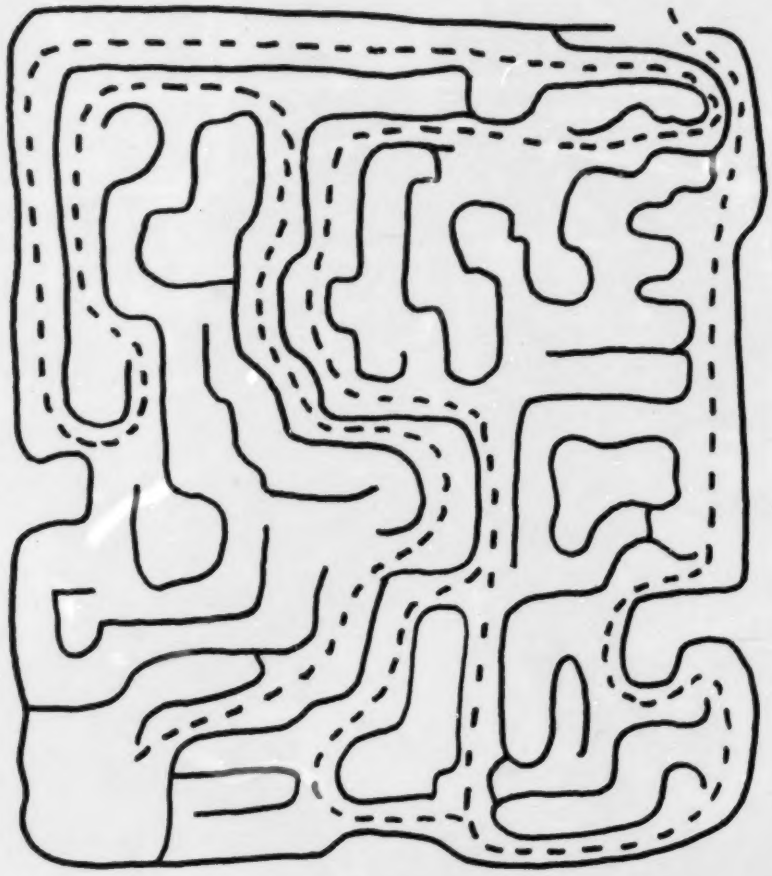
1. Antarctica
2. Australia
3. Europe
4. Asia
5. South America
6. Because Asia continues. The earth is circular.
7. Indian Ocean
8. Pacific Ocean
9. Atlantic Ocean
10. Arctic Ocean

DENNIS NEEDS HELP



ANSWER KEY

HELP THE PUP FIND HIS BONE



"PAINT" A CROSSWORD PUZZLE

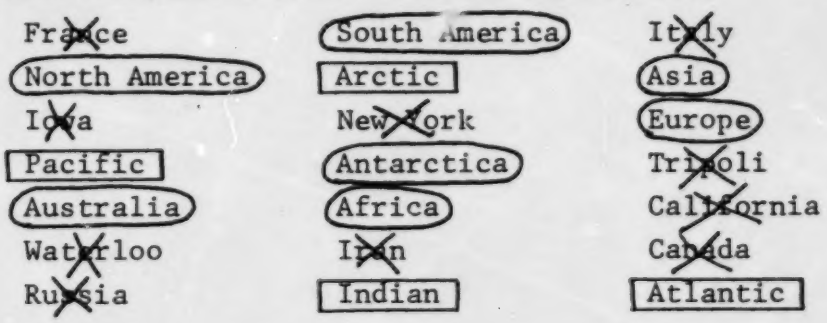
1. Europe
2. North America
3. Africa
4. Arctic
5. South America
6. Asia
7. Australia
8. Pacific
9. Atlantic
10. Antarctica
11. Indian

ANSWER KEY

FLY THROUGH THIS

1. Indian
2. North America
3. Atlantic
4. Australia
5. South America
6. Europe
7. Africa
8. Arctic
9. Pacific
10. Asia

WHICH OF THESE WORDS ARE CONTINENTS? WHICH OF THESE WORDS ARE OCEANS? WHICH OF THESE WORDS ARE NEITHER?



A SECRET CODE

R I
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A DOT GAME

1. South America
2. Arctic Ocean
3. Africa
4. North America
5. Europe
6. A star

THE EARTH GAME

Directions

Number of players: 2 per board

Duplicate the three sheets for the "Earth Game". Make enough copies for every two members of your class.

Students need to tape the two sheets of paper together to make one game board. (These should be of heavy paper.)

The two squares are for player markers.

Students need to cut and then place cards in a pile, face down.

Players decide who starts. (For example, player with the shorter thumb begins.)

First player draws top card, reads directions, and does as instructed.

If unable to answer correctly, move back 1 space. (All answers are either names of oceans or names of continents.)

If the pile of cards runs out, reshuffle and begin again.

First player back to the North American Continent wins.

Label the continents and oceans.

POST-TEST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____